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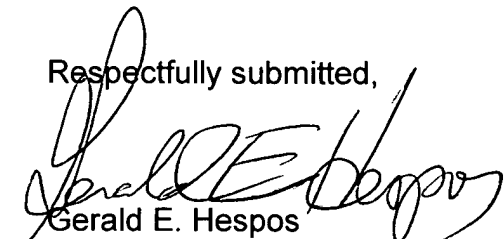Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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This Information Disclosure Statement includes a copy of PTO-1449 that identifies two U.S. patents and one Japanese reference. A copy of the Japanese reference is attached as well. The relevancy of U.S. Patent No. 5,586,916 is described in paragraphs 0002 and 0003 of the subject application. The other two references relate generally to the same state-of-the-art.

The Examiner is requested to consider these references during the examination and to make the references of record.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		5,586,916	12-1996	Shinji et al.			
		6,568,967	5-2003	Inaba et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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